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TAGS: OVIP (KISSINGER, HENRY A.)

SUBJECT: PLO ITEM IN UNGA

REF: SECTO 83 AND 84

FOR ATHERTON FROM SOBER

1. SHALEV CALLED ME MONDAY MORNING TO PRESS FOR MORE ACTIVE US ROLE ON PLO ITEM IN FRIENDLY CAPITALS. HE SAID ISRAELI EMBASSY IN COPENHAGEN HAD REPORTED DANES STILL UNDECIDED AND MIGHT VOTE QUOTE FOR UNQUOTE ALTHOUGH THIS MIGHT CHANGE TO ABSTENTION IF USG TOOK INITIATIVE TO EXPLAIN OUR POSITION. SHALEV ALSO RELAYED HIS INFORMATION TO EFFECT THAT US AMBASSADORS IN CANBERRA AND WELLINGTON (INCLUDING SUVA) HAVE NOT HAD ANY INSTRUCTIONS THIS SUBJECT.

2. I TOLD HIM THAT OUR EMBASSY IN COPENHAGEN HAS INDEED BEEN AUTHORIZED TO RESPOND TO INQUIRIES BY SAYING WE WILL VOTE AGAINST AND EXPLAINING REASONS THEREFOR. I ADDED THAT SCALI HAS BEEN INSTRUCTED SIMILARLY AND HE THUS IS IN POSITION TO RESPOND TO ANY QUERIES THAT MAY
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COME FROM COUNTRIES WHICH WANT TO KNOW ABOUT OUR POSITION.

SHALEV AGREED IN PART WITH MY OBSERVATION THAT THE AUTHORIZATION WHICH SCALI HAS ON THIS SUBJECT IS MOST IMPORTANT SINCE NEW YORK IS WHERE THE ACTION IS NOW CENTERED, BUT SHALEV ALSO URGED THAT WE INSTRUCT OUR

AMBASSADORS IN FRIENDLY CAPITALS TO TAKE A MORE ACTIVE LINE. TO THIS I RESPONDED THAT I HAD NOTED HIS REQUEST.

3. IF WE WISH TO RESPOND IN SOME (PARTIALLY) POSITIVE WAY TO SPECIFIC REQUEST, PERHAPS WE COULD DO SO BY AUTHORIZING OUR EMBASSIES IN CANBERRA, WELLINGTON AND SUVA TO RESPOND IN LOW KEY TO INQUIRIES ALONG LINES AUTHORIZED FOR EC-9 INFO ADDRESSEES OF SECTO 83. HAVE DISCUSSED MATTER WITH BLAKE AND SEPTEL RAISING THIS QUESTION IS BEING DRAFTED.

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